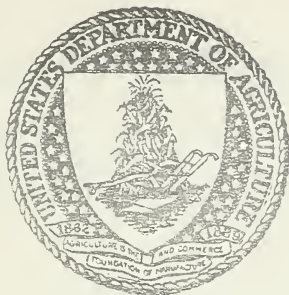


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MOSELEY TELLS EMPLOYEES OF PLANS FOR OFFICE

"I expect to be around here until we lock the door," said Director C. H. Moseley to his employees recently when he called them together and told them about the Dallas ASCS Commodity office consolidating with the Kansas City ASCS Commodity Office.

"Meanwhile, the doors of my office are going to stay wide open so any of you can come in and talk with me any time you want to," he told them.

Thus began the closing of the Dallas Commodity Office, which, during a lusty, lavish 10-year span, reached unprecedented heights in production and won just about every service award in the big book.

Calling on expressions gleaned from his sea-faring experience and seeking continuity of operations, Moseley recalled "One hand for yourself and one hand for the ship."

Paraphrasing, he said, "In stormy weather, you've got to hang on for yourself and also look out for the ship."

The exodus will not get underway until after Feb. 1, 1963 and perhaps it won't be completed for another 30 to 45 days after that date.

Presently, employees are letting it be known whether they intend transferring to Kansas City or not or whether they're making other plans.

With the Christmas and New Year's Holidays coming up, many employees won't settle down and make their decision before early January or later.

One bright spot on the horizon is the personal and humane stand the Department has taken on the move. Namely, it has gone beyond legal requirements and is assuring all employees a job in Kansas City at their present grade and salary.

Additionally, any employee not wanting to go to Kansas City will be assisted in finding a job in other ASCS offices or elsewhere.

About 420 employees are on the current payroll. All are subject to location change except approximately 41 warehouse examiners stationed in the field and the nine-member crew at the Houston Outport office.

So a lot of decisions will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, the work in the office goes on without a hitch.
Doors open at 8:00 and close at 4:30.

By Ozelle Waller

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Beverly Chamberlain was married December 1, 1962 to Don Easterling. Beverly is a Key Punch Operator in DPD and Don is a Warehouse Examiner. They are living at 2427 Tolosa in Dallas.

We wish to welcome our visitors from the Kansas City DPC Office and wish them a pleasant stay with us.

The Kansas City DPC Office will be using our 7070 Computer to assemble and test the programs to be run on the 7074 Computer to be installed in Kansas City Feb. 1, 1963.

Lena Hollingsworth's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of persons recently lost to the RIF. Since leaving ASCS she has been called to work as Stock Control Clerk at Hensley Field. (FI)

Charles Chapman, DPD, was married November 23rd at a friends house.

Bob Hobbs, who transferred to Kansas City last January, was back in the Dallas Office this month working on the transfer of the Dallas Programs to Kansas City. It was nice to have Bob back if only for a short time.



Bob Hobbs

Larry Wright, son of Hal Wright, COD, won first place in the open dance skate division at a Regional Invitational Meet, Ft. Worth, with his skating partner. They are both sporting a 20-inch trophy.

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TO YOUR HEALTH

USDA EMPLOYEE INJURED

A USDA employee suffered a most unfortunate accident on Dec. 10. While returning to work from lunch, she slipped in the corridor near her office. Her fall resulted in a fractured right hip.

Though complete recovery is expected, the employee will be disabled for a period of time. We deeply regret this and the discomfort she is experiencing. In addition to sympathy for the employee, such an incident should make us more safety-conscious.

Accidents happen when least expected. Just one moment off guard or one mis-step can result in an accident. Office work is one of the least hazardous types of employment. Yet still, accidents do occur in offices. Falls usually cause the most serious injuries.

Prevent falls by walking slowly and cautiously in case the floor should be slippery. Watch for rubber bands, paper clips, or other objects on the floor. Take care while Christmas shopping, too, especially when carrying packages.

Have a SAFE Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Jean Morgan, R. N.

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New faces in Invoice and Payment
Unit are Naomi Richey and Donna
Cole.

Glenn Hass, FI, is in the market
for an "Out House."

Mr. Ferguson, Chief, COD, presented
Jewel W. Campbell with \$205.00 and
a Certificate of Merit Award for
intricate knowledge of the job;
for unexcelled accuracy and work
habits; and for complete mastery
of exacting computations which
made a vital contribution to in-
ventory management and materially
assisted the Dallas Commodity Office
in performing its complex opera-
tions. She was also presented a
citation describing her work in
detail as outstanding in depend-
ability, accuracy, understanding
of job, interest and judgment,
completeness, presentability and
acceptability.

Ruth Wood is welcome back after
spending two weeks vacation in
Dallas. Ruth enjoyed redecorat-
ing her apartment during this
time, as well as having more time
for social activities.

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Bill Campbell, DPD, has returned
after spending almost two months
in Washington. We were all glad
to see him.

Marguerite Boone, former employee
of ASCS now retired, and her hus-
band were "tricked and treated"
by several ASCS employees on
Hallowe'en. Those involved were
Bobbie and Cliff Santerre, Truman
and Sue Hembree, Marie and George
Minnear (Marie also a former em-
ployee of ASCS), Pansy and Alfred
Libby and Mary Miller. Our grape-
vine has it that Mary Miller's
costume was the wildest! We have
pictures to prove it.

Sally Lou Benton, COD, was presented
\$123.00 and a Certificate of Merit
Award by Mr. Ferguson for her skill
in maintaining a current and ade-
quate records systems, saving time
for her associates and personnel
of other divisions and increas-
ing efficiency. By the way, her
appointment has been extended
through November 30.

Willie Weltler enjoyed being in the
group which entertained John Bagwell
of General Counsel, Washington, D.C.,
at the Stage Coach Inn in Temple
recently. Willie will be moving to
Temple in the near future to join
her husband who is in the Office
of General Counsel located there.
She reports the people of Temple
friendly and courteous.

FEDERAL MILK MARKETING ORDERS
Their Establishment, Terms and Operation

(Editor's note: The following article is the second in a series attempting to better acquaint members with the functions and purposes of the various offices encompassed by the club.)

I. THE OUTLINE OF FEDERAL MILK ORDERS

The first steps in the development of a Federal milk order are taken by members of the local fluid milk industry, generally by organized groups representing producer interests. Finally, a Federal milk order may be issued for the market by the Secretary of Agriculture under authority of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended, 7 USC 601, and the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 7 CFR Part 900. Each milk order regulates the minimum prices handlers must pay producers for milk purchased for sale in a designated marketing area.

The Act specifies the terms a milk order may contain. It provides for example, that an order regulates milk produced for sale in a defined marketing area. Since local milk markets have individual problems which affect both supply and sales conditions each milk order is tailored to the particular requirements of the local market. However, the basic framework of each order includes the essentials of a classified price plan, a system of minimum prices, a plan for equalizing prices to producers, and provisions relating to the administration of the pricing provisions.

Under the classified price plans, handlers are required to pay for milk purchased from producers different prices depending on the use made of such milk. Usually fluid milk, and sometimes fluid cream, is placed in Class I. This is the highest priced class. Milk which is used to produce manufactured dairy products such as butter, cheese, and evaporated milk is placed in lower priced classes. A system of minimum class prices is set forth in each order. These prices vary according to the butterfat content of the milk. Adjustments to reflect differences in values at different locations are included in the price plans in orders for markets which draw milk from wide area.

The total class values of all uses of milk by a handler or all handlers in a market are combined to determine an average price so that producers re-

ceive a uniform price regardless of the specific use of milk delivered by an individual farmer. In some markets the use value of milk is combined for each individual handler to determine a uniform price for the milk received by the handler. These are known as individual handler pools. In markets where the uses of all handlers are combined and a uniform blended price is determined for the entire market, the system is called a market-wide pool.

Each milk order is administered by a Market Administrator, who is an agent of the Secretary of Agriculture. The Market Administrator's principal duty is to be certain that handlers are accounting for their milk receipts and making payments to producers in accordance with the terms and provisions of the order. For this purpose, reports are required of handlers. The Market Administrator's staff investigates the handler's business and audits his records to be sure that the full, required payments are made to producers.

II. THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF MILK ORDERS

Federal milk orders are legal instruments which define the terms under which handlers who engage primarily in the handling of milk for fluid distribution in a regulated city market purchase the milk from dairy farmers. The purpose of these orders is to make sure that an ample supply of wholesome milk is available to consumers at all times. This is done by promoting and maintaining orderly marketing of milk by farmers.

Orderly marketing is achieved in part under the program through the certainties provided by a marketing order. The terms for the purchase of milk are spelled out and are known in advance to both buyers and sellers. These terms are developed with public participation. Producers, handlers and consumers have an opportunity to take part in the public hearings which are held prior to the issuance of an order. Much of the necessary basic factual information is supplied for use by all such interested groups. Accurate statistical information about supplies and demand for milk in a market is not available in most markets until after a Federal order program has been instituted. An order program requires accurate and complete reporting, as well as verification of all such reports. This information affords a more explicit and factual basis for decisions on prices designed to reflect market supply and demand condition.

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Federal milk orders do not guarantee a given level of price. They provide prices related to local and general economic conditions. They do not guarantee farmers a market with any buyer. Federal milk orders do not control production, nor do they restrict the marketing of milk by farmers. They do not establish sanitary or quality standards. Sanitary regulations applicable to milk sold in fluid markets are prescribed and administered by local and State health authorities. A milk order is limited to the terms under which handlers must pay for the milk they buy from farmers and sell in regulated fluid markets.

The responsibility of the Federal Government in the development of milk orders is to determine the fairness of the various proposals, to resolve the differences in the public interest, and to enforce the orders after they are put into effect.

The task assigned to the United States Department of Agriculture in appraising the effects of proposed pricing plans on the different interested groups carries with it an enormous responsibility. That responsibility is to make fair and just decisions as they affect the thousands of milk producers, the hundreds of milk handlers, and the millions of milk insofar as they operate differently and are located in various parts of the country are affected differently by these pricing plans. Consumers inside and outside Federal milk marketing areas also may be affected differently.

The Department's responsibility in analyzing the complex problems which affect the public interest in the marketing of milk could not be successfully carried out without the framework of public procedures provided by the Act.

The public hearing is the means by which the interests of all persons may be considered and pricing plans which are fair and equitable to all may be developed. The public hearing offers an opportunity for minority as well as majority groups to bring their interests to the attention of the Department, and to indicate how they would be affected by any proposed pricing plan.

The public procedures of the program offer an opportunity for leaders in the dairy industry, for farmer organization leaders and for the specialists from colleges and universities to have a hand in shaping Government decisions.

NEWS FROM POULTRY INSPECTION BRANCH

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Three Employees Given Awards

The Poultry Inspection Branch has had the pleasure of awarding three employees with Certificates of Merit and Cash Awards for "Sustained Superior Performance." The honors went to Dr. John C. Schweda for his administrative and professional supervision of field operations; Mr. Delbert T. Marshall for his performance as a poultry inspector in an eviscerating plant and Mrs. Ella Smith for her clerical and stenographic duties including acting as alternate reports clerk.

The Poultry Inspection Branch is very proud of these employees. They have contributed greatly to the efficient operations of the Poultry Inspection Branch.

By Joyce K. Malone

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Pansy Libby's (FI) daughter represented Lone Star Gas Company in the recent "Miss Downtown Dallas" competition. She didn't win the contest, but had a lot of fun.

Kenneth King, COD, is transferring to Randolph Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas as of November 21. We wish him luck.

Tom Meyer, DPD, is on Military Furlough. He will be on Active Duty for six months. He is taking his basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana.



Tom Meyer

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Bobbie Santerre, FI, recently had her car stolen. The car was recovered, undamaged, the following day. Where do you leave the car keys now, Bobbie?

A collection of \$22.25 from the Commodity Office was donated to the Heart Fund in memory of Lucille Dickey.

BUYING A CHRISTMAS TURKEY?

Did you have trouble picking a good turkey for Thanksgiving? If you are like most of us and do not know what to look for, there is a group of federal employees whose job it is to make this easy for you. This group is the Grading Branch of the Poultry Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, a "self supporting" agency whose services must be requested by poultry and egg companies and who is paid for such services.

The plants have found it is in the best interest of their business to have products Federally graded, for the consumer seeks to buy them. When you purchase eggs, chickens or turkeys, look for the U. S. Shield and grade marks. You can then depend on these products to be uniform in quality for they have been checked for compliance to Federal Grading Specifications for quality.

To insure that you are getting the best quality Christmas turkey, look for U. S. grade A. The best eggs are U. S. grade AA.

Dallas is headquarters for all of Texas and New Mexico, and the office is supervised by the Federal-State Grading Supervisor, an employee of the Federal Government, with the Texas State Department of Agriculture acting as a coopera-

tive agency. The Dallas office employs, presently, 59 graders in Texas and two in New Mexico, and has a staff of one assistant Federal-State Supervisor, three circuit supervisors, and one clerk.

There are approximately sixty-three contracts for grading of poultry, eggs and egg products supervised by the Dallas Office. In some plants there are two contracts, one for egg grading and one for poultry grading, or one for poultry grading and one for poultry products (i.e. frozen or dried eggs, etc.).

The Des Moines Area Grading Office supervises ten states including Texas and New Mexico, and handles fiscal work for the area. There the plants under grading service are billed for the services of the grader or graders in their plant; monies are paid to the Federal Government to off-set salaries and expenses of the Grading Branch.

So you see now, there will be no excuse if your Christmas turkey is a flop.

By Adeline Williford

A perfect gentleman never gets his face slapped, but he misses a lot of fun.

NEWS FROM
INTERNAL AUDIT DIVISION, AMS

We would like to extend Congratulations to Mr. Cecil C. Perry who recently became Area Chief.

We want to welcome these employees to our agency:

Raymond E. Barker, Auditor, transferred to us from IAD, ASCS, effective 9/8/62. Allen B. Clark, Investigator, entered on duty 11/5/62. Robert L. Fort, Investigator, transferred to us from our Washington Office. R. Cheatham Hale, Auditor, entered on duty 9/24/62, transferred from IAD, ASCS. Leon C. Horton, Auditor, entered on duty 10/22/62. Harold Martin, Auditor, entered on duty 10/1/62. Pattie F. Miller, Clerk-Stenographer, entered on duty 9/4/62. David B. Powell, Auditor, entered on duty 9/4/62. Horace L. Ramsey, Investigator, transferred to us from IAD, AMS, Atlanta, Georgia. Dorothy I. Rossi, Clerk-Stenographer, entered on duty 9/18/62.

By Carol Keys

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Janet Smith, C&CS, received the high honor of becoming the new State Officer of the Delta Rho Delta National Society which met in Dallas this month. The Zeta Chapter, Dallas, received the \$100 award for having 100% attend-

ance at the convention. It has 45 members. The group also won first place for its history book for which Mrs. Hazel Cunningham was historian.

Jewel W. Campbell, who retired on October 31, 1962, and Sallie Lou Benton (COD), (who we thought was leaving on November 9) were honored on October 31 with a delicious home-cooked luncheon. Each was presented with a carnation corsage from the co-workers. One of the highlights of the day was pictures taken and developed on the spot by Kathryn Wisely.

We miss seeing Inez Warren around, but cannot begrudge her the interesting life she has picked out, and such a useful one! (Inez retired October 31st). Inez is purchasing a "Brailier" which we understand is a machine used for writing the Braille system, so she can be of service to the blind. We think it is a wonderful, generous thing to do, and we're thrilled that this long-felt desire of hers to be of help to the blind is at last coming true.

Evelyn Chapell is spending a vacation in Phoenix, Arizona, where the sun shines (and shines and shines and shines). She is accompanied by her girl friend, Jimmie D. McSween. (C&CS).

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS USDA CLUB

Bill Williamson has resigned as President of the USDA and in the near future more officers and members will be leaving us.

The ASCS Commodity Office employees now serving as officers and representatives of the USDA Club will be moving to Kansas City or to other agencies and their positions will have to be filled.

The Department of Agriculture employees in agencies other than ASCS should take these vacant positions and carry on the worthwhile work of the club.

LOCAL USDA MAN WINS AWARD

Pat O. Dutton, Fort Worth, Texas, a USDA poultry and egg grader stationed at J. W. Nichols Company in Fort Worth, was presented the U.S. Department of Agriculture's superior performance award.

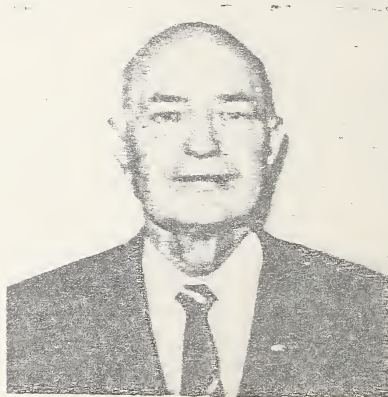
Pat Dutton was cited by the Poultry Division of the Agricultural Marketing Service "for sustained superior performance in carrying out his responsibilities for the grading of poultry and poultry products." He received a cash award, as well as a Certificate of Merit, in ceremonies conducted at the J.W. Nichols

Company plant. The presentation was made by Mr. Frank J. Santo, Area Grading Supervisor, Poultry Grading Division.

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"Rocky" Roquemore is retiring after 30 years service; congratulations on a job well done Rocky.

We understand Rocky will only be semi-retired, he is taking a position with Arma Company.



"Rocky" Roquemore

Jerry Blakely and Louise Clarke, now with GSA, and Miriam Bruce, now with Health, Education & Welfare, were visitors of Jewel Campbell on her 70th birthday the week before she retired. (COD)

Sandra Thomas, DPO, is leaving Dec. 21. She has been Secretary in DPO for a little over 2 yrs. She is going to Small Business Ass'n.